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KBI releases Kansas crime statistics for 2017

TOPEKA – The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) has released the [2017 Kansas Crime Index Report](#). The report compiles crime statistics reported to the KBI by state and local law enforcement agencies across Kansas.

Violent crime analysis

The 2017 Kansas Crime Index Report reflected that violent crime in Kansas continues to trend upward. 2017 saw an overall increase of 6.3% in violent crime such as murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault and battery. In the past three years, Kansas experienced a 23.1% increase in violent crime. The violent crime rate is currently 12.3% above the 10-year average.

Additionally, 176 murders occurred in 2017, which represents an 18.9% increase over the number of murders committed in 2016. The murder rate is the highest in the past 10 years, and 40.8% above the 10-year average.

The frequency of incidents involving multiple murder victims also increased in 2017, at 21.1%. Identifying common circumstances in murder cases is difficult as 21% were reported as unknown, and 21.7% indicated an unknown suspect. Domestic violence murders comprised 22.3% of the total cases, while arguments were reported in 21.7%. Gang activity was a factor in 11.4% of incidents, and drug dealing was a factor in 10.9%.

In 2017, 1,213 rapes were reported in Kansas, representing a 7.8% increase over 2016. This is 10.3% above the 10-year average.

Property crime analysis

According to the 2017 crime report, total property crimes in Kansas declined by 2.1%. However, the property crime figures in this report do not include the numerous cyber crimes

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which occurred in our state. The FBI's [Internet Crime Complaint Center](#) received 1,767 reports from Kansans victimized in 2017, indicating over \$5 million in losses from cyber crimes and other internet facilitated criminal activity.



Three Year Part I Crime Comparison

	Part I Crimes	10 Yr. Average	2014	2015	% Change	2015	2016	% Change	2016	2017	% Change
VIOLENT CRIME	Murder	125	101	132	30.7	132	148	12.1	148	176	18.9
	Rape	1,100	1,012	1,146	13.2	1,146	1,125	-1.8	1,125	1,213	7.8
	Robbery	1,586	1,341	1,760	31.2	1,760	1,693	-3.8	1,693	1,745	3.1
	Aggravated Assault/Battery	7,639	7,075	7,555	6.8	7,555	8,075	6.9	8,075	8,600	6.5
	Total Violent Offenses	10,449	9,529	10,592	11.2	10,592	11,041	4.2	11,041	11,734	6.3
	Violent Crime Rate/1,000	3.6	3.2	3.6	12.5	3.6	3.7	2.8	3.7	4.0	8.1
PROPERTY CRIME	Burglary	16,550	15,593	15,151	-2.8	15,151	13,620	-10.1	13,620	13,383	-1.7
	Theft	60,290	54,657	56,100	2.6	56,100	58,377	4.1	58,377	59,587	2.1
	Motor Vehicle Theft	6,799	6,544	6,743	3	6,743	7,552	12.0	7,552	8,209	8.7
	Total Property Offenses	83,638	76,789	77,979	1.5	77,979	79,538	2.0	79,538	81,179	2.1
	Property Crime Rate/1,000	28.8	25.7	26.4	2.7	26.4	26.8	1.5	26.8	27.4	2.2
	Arson	748	637	653	2.5	653	597	-8.6	597	599	0.3

Find the full 2017 Kansas Crime Index report at:
http://www.kansas.gov/kbi/stats/stats_crime2017.shtml.

NOTE: Data from the Kansas Crime Index report is derived from standard offense and arrest reports submitted to the Kansas Incident Based Reporting System (KIBRS) by local law enforcement agencies across Kansas. It is dependent on victims reporting crimes. The report is compiled to provide a historical assessment and snapshot of crime trends. It is often not possible to draw further interpretations or conclusions from the data. The KBI cautions against using data to make direct comparisons between jurisdictions. Often these comparisons are not valid as the factors influencing crime vary widely between communities.

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